

QUEBEC BRIDGE BEING ERECTED FELL IN MIDDLE

Huge Central Span Carried Down a Large Number of People While Thousands Looked On As Monstrous Weight Was Being Juggled Into Position

SANK 200 FEET INTO ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

The Bridge Was Being Built at Cost of \$17,000,000 to Replace Structure Which Collapsed Nine Years ago and Caused 70 Deaths

Quebec, Sept. 11.—The new central span of the Quebec bridge, the largest cantilever suspension in the world, collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river while it was being hoisted into place to-day, with the probable large loss of life. Ninety men were on the structure when it fell.

The collapse occurred when the span was about 15 feet in the air, and the structure, which weighed 5,000 tons, sank 200 feet to the bottom of the river. Engineers who witnessed the collapse expressed doubt whether it ever could be brought up again.

The bridge was being constructed at a cost of \$17,000,000, in order to shorten the railway journey from Halifax to the Canadian Northwest by 200 miles. It stands on the site of the structure which collapsed in August, 1907, with the loss of 70 lives.

The central span broke in two places; first one corner appeared to give way, and this was followed almost immediately by a break in the center as well. Several thousand spectators who were attracted by the juggling of the monster span witnessed the disaster from pleasure boats on the river. The number included members of Parliament, members of the Dominion cabinet, and many American tourists, as well as many Canadian and American authorities on bridge building and engineering. Many newspaper men also witnessed the collapse.

The St. Lawrence Bridge company at noon estimated the dead at 25.

MORE UNIONS PLAN TO JOIN STRIKE

Great Tie-Up in New York City Planned
Out of Sympathy for Car Men—
Gompers Arrives to Add
His Influence.

New York, Sept. 11.—A strike of stage employees, longshoremen, brewery workers, machinists, bartenders, moulders and printers in sympathy with the unionized carmen who quit their places four days ago, was decided upon at a meeting of the heads of their unions last night, according to an announcement by Hugh Frayne, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

A resolution was passed calling upon all unionized wage earners in Greater New York, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, White Plains and New Rochelle to sanction a strike "in support of the contention of the street railway men of their right to organize." The resolution recommends that the workers in the various trades "lay down their tools until the companies are forced to recognize the carmen's union."

According to Frayne approximately 750,000 men and women are enrolled in the unions which were represented at the meeting last night.

The delegates it was said discussed the possibility of collateral street railways assuming the attitude of officials in the Interborough Rapid Transit company and the other lines involved in the strike here who at the present time "recognize the union but insist upon intimidating their men to ignore it." The delegates were unanimously of the opinion it was asserted, that the action of the transit managers "was something that affected trade unionism as a whole."

Before a sympathetic strike can be declared, however, the union leaders explained it would be necessary for them to call mass meetings of their respective unions and put the proposition to a vote of the members. The delegates at the meeting last night, it was said, assured William B. Fitzgerald, organizer of the carmen's union, that their members were willing to fight to a finish, morally, physically and financially in the interest of trade unionism.

Officials of the railway companies, when informed of the action of the union leaders, asked whether the building trades were to be included in the recommendation for a sympathetic strike. They were told that no action with respect to these trades had been taken.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who arrived here yesterday afternoon in response to an appeal from the New York Central Federated union, issued a statement in which he referred to the "efforts of the heads of the Interborough, which operates the subway and elevated railway lines, and officials of the various surface car roads affected by the strike, to crush the spirit of organization affecting the employees of these railroads." Mr. Gompers asserted that the carmen were determined to "exercise their right

to organize, the right to strike rationally and normally for the improvement of the condition of their employees to have submitted to a board of arbitration, such differences which the committees of the employees and representatives of the company fail to adjust."

SITUATION MORE SERIOUS.

Greater New York Threatened with Sympathetic Strike.

New York, Sept. 11.—With the leaders of the 750,000 labor men of greater New York and vicinity threatening a sympathetic strike, traffic on the subway and elevated lines in Manhattan and the Bronx impeded and the surface systems of those two boroughs and Westchester county virtually tied up, the general strike situation assumed a more serious aspect to-day.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declined to discuss the probability of a general strike and other union leaders asserted that if necessary 50,000 union men could be called out within six hours.

BANGOR FIRE THREATENED.

Waterfront Blaze Caused Loss of \$75,000 Sunday.

Bangor, Me., Sept. 11.—Fire on the waterfront early yesterday morning caused a loss of about \$75,000 and at one time threatened a general conflagration which was averted only by the combined fire departments of Bangor and Brewer and favorable weather conditions. The loss is fully insured.

The heaviest losses are the Stickney & Babcock Coal company and the Hincks Coal company. The two had about 8,000 tons of coal in stock, mostly anthracite. It did not get well under way and was deluged with water and extinguished.

The loss on the coal is estimated at from 10 to 20 per cent and about 500 tons went into the river, which can be recovered with some loss.

A new discharging tower owned jointly by the two concerns, which cost about \$35,000, is a total loss. The Stickney & Babcock company had about 3,000 tons of coal and lost much of the wooden coal pockets, but the office and scales were saved. The Hincks company lost practically all of their sheds, a stable, nine coal cars, office and scales. Nine horses were rescued with some difficulty.

The Eastern Steamship corporation's terminal immediately adjoining was threatened but not damaged. The ships' blacksmith shop and the black factory of T. F. Cassidy & Co., between the two coal plants, suffered damage to building and stock estimated at \$5,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It broke out in the rear of the Hincks stable and spread with great rapidity. There was no shipping at the wharves in danger. The fire delayed the Boston and St. John express train nearly three hours, as many lines of hose were across the Maine Central tracks. The coal companies expect to resume business at once, as a number of cargoes are on the way, only about one-half of the season's supply having been received.

BRITISH CROSS RIVER STRUMA

Have Launched an Offensive in Greek Macedonia and Attacked Bulgarians

TWO VILLAGES ARE
THE FIRST OBJECTIVES

Bulgarians Are Said to Be Resisting the Advance Desperately

Paris, Sept. 11.—British troops on the front in Greek Macedonia took the offensive last night. They crossed the Struma river, the war office says, and attacked the Bulgarians, who are resisting desperately, having gained a footing on the eastern bank at a point 40 miles northeast of Saloniki. The British attacked the villages of Nevoljen and Karabassas.

FRENCH ALSO MOVE
IN MACEDONIA

Take Part in Great Offensive Campaign Started in Macedonia—Bulgarians Begin to Retire North Under Pressure.

London, Sept. 11.—The conclusion is drawn from the official French report in regard to the operations in Macedonia that an offensive campaign has been inaugurated. In addition to the British attack along the Struma, the Serbians are already advancing against the Bulgarians who some time ago crossed the Greek frontier near Lake Ostrovo and made a quick advance southward. Since that time the Bulgarians have retired considerably under pressure. The French also are forcing the fighting, attacking from the river Vardar to Lake Doiran.

GINCHY STILL HELD
BY THE BRITISH

Germans Made Two Attacks on Town They Recently Lost but Were Beaten Off.

London, Sept. 11.—Two efforts were made yesterday by the Germans to recapture Ginchy on the Somme front from the British, but it was announced officially that the attacks were beaten off.

ITALY PROPOSES
TO USE BLACKLIST

Government Will Use Those Arranged by Great Britain and France and May Add Some Names to It.

Paris, Sept. 11.—The Italian government has decided to adopt the black list system in principle, according to a Rome dispatch to The Matin. The dispatch says that the lists already drawn up by France and England will be used, with whatever additional names the Italian government decide upon.

ATHENS SEETHING
WITH UNREST

Infantry and Cavalry Patrol the Streets and Entente Legations Are Closely Guarded.

Athens, Sept. 11.—The city is virtually under martial law. Patrols of infantry and cavalry parade the streets and the entente legations are under strong guard. Fifteen hundred marines have been added to the garrison here on account of the uncertainty in regard to the attitude of the troops. The excitement caused by the army disaffection at Saloniki, however, are dying out.

FIVE NIGHT ATTACKS
WERE PUT DOWN
BY THE FRENCH

Germans Tried to Regain Positions on the Somme, Using Burning Liquids, But Were Repulsed.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Five times last night the German attacks positions newly won by the French on the Somme front, but the war office says they were repulsed each time with heavy losses. The Germans employed burning liquids in their attacks. The fighting occurred south of the Somme from Berny to the region south of Chaumes.

RUMANIA LOSES FORTRESS.

Silistria On Eastern Bank of Danube Has Fallen.

London, Sept. 11.—Continuing their advance in western Dobruja, the German and Bulgarian forces have captured the old Bulgarian fortress of Silistria on the eastern bank of the Danube about 25 miles northeast of Turtukai and 60 miles east of Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, and about an equal distance south of the Constanta-Bucharest railway line. The capture of the fortress is announced by the Berlin war office, which adds that the Rumanians and Russians fighting in Dobruja apparently have suffered heavy losses during the last few days.

The official report from Berlin states: "We captured the thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second, forty-third and forty-fourth infantry regiments and two battalions of a regiment of gendarmes. We also captured all the artillery of the fortress and plentiful supplies of ammunition, rifles, machine guns, etc. Up to the present we have counted 400 officers, among whom are three brigadiers

generals; 21,000 unwounded soldiers, two flags, and more than 100 modern cannon, among which were two batteries stolen in 1913.

"The Rumanians losses in dead or wounded were enormous. Many Rumanian soldiers were drowned in the Danube during the flight in panic."

Berlin and Vienna concede a gain of ground to the Russians in the Carpathians near Záhse, to the west of Shtypot. The Russians, says Berlin, are on the offensive from the Baltic to the wooded heights of the Carpathians, but everywhere except near Shtypot their attacks have been repulsed.

Attempts by the Russians to break through the Austrian lines southeast of Lemberg, near Halicz, failed, according to Vienna, with heavy losses. The Vienna statement mentions the gallantry of the Turkish forces fighting with the Austrians in this region.

ITALIANS TAKE
STRONG POSITIONS

From the Austrians on Trentino Front and Also Gained Ground in Upper Posina Valley.

Rome, via London, Sept. 11.—Italian troops have captured a strong Austrian position in the Lepo valley on the Trentino front, the war office announced to-day. Ground also was gained in the upper Posina valley.

DROPPED DEAD ON STREET.

Charles N. King of Portland, Me., Was Visiting in Montpelier.

On his return trip from the Montpelier postoffice late this forenoon, Charles N. King of Portland, Me., who had been visiting his sisters in Montpelier for some weeks, dropped dead at the corner of Cliff and Congress streets in Montpelier at 11 o'clock, death being due to heart disease. The body was removed to the Wilton undertaking rooms. Mr. King had been in poor health for two years but recently had seemed to show some improvement. He was planning to return to Portland during the latter part of the week. His sisters residing in Montpelier are Mrs. Harriet Lacroix and Miss Georgiana King, whose home is at 2 Cliff street.

Mr. King was born in Williston about 65 years ago. For some years he resided in Burlington, being employed as janitor by the light and power company there and also by the Wells, Richardson company. He leaves his wife and five children, Joseph, Albert, Leon, Madeline and Claire, all of Portland; also two brothers, W. L. King of Dallas, Tex., and H. J. King of Gardner, Mass., and three sisters, the third besides those already named being Mrs. Mary Mervise of Portland, Me.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed but the burial will probably be in Burlington.

EDSON F. HOLDEN.

Well Known South Barre Man Died Saturday Afternoon.

Edson F. Holden, a resident of South Barre, passed away Saturday afternoon at the Heaton hospital in Montpelier, where he had been removed for an operation for appendicitis, complications following that caused his demise.

Edson Fisher Holden was born in Barre, March 19, 1874, the son of E. H. and Lucy (Howard) Holden. He attended common schools and Goddard seminary. On Nov. 7, 1901, he married Mary Stone of Randolph, who survives him. They had three children, a son and two daughters. Mr. Holden has always been one of Barre town's most respected citizens and he served the town as both cemetery commissioner and auditor. Early in life he acquired the Holden homestead and he and his wife lived there for many years.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Fred; two daughters, Stella and Bertha; five sisters, Ellen Holden and Mrs. F. E. Burr of this city, Ida Holden and Jennie Holden of Brockton, Mass., and two brothers, Howard Holden of Middleboro, Mass., and Charles Holden of Binghamton, N. Y.

Funeral services were held from the Holden farm in South Barre at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. John B. Reardon of the Universalist church, officiating. Burial was in the family lot at Elmwood cemetery.

QUINCY HAS PLAGUE.

Now a Total of Four and Board of Health Takes Action.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 11.—Two new cases of infantile paralysis were reported in this city yesterday, making a total of four. One victim is Edward Barry, two years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. John Barry of 266 Willard street. The other case, a very mild one, was reported from Intervale street, South Quincy.

The death of Margaret Rogers, the seven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, corner of Quarry street extension and the Boulevard, at first thought to have been caused by infantile paralysis, was pronounced yesterday afternoon as due to acute enteritis.

On account of the prevalence of the disease in the West Quincy district, Rev. Thomas R. McCoy, pastor of St. Mary's church, yesterday suspended the Sunday school sessions at his church.

The board of health last evening voted to have a physician stationed at every school to examine each pupil every day. It was also voted to refuse admission to children to all theatres and moving picture houses.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Parties motoring along the Williams-town golf road yesterday afternoon report an accident that occurred at the brow of the pitch that descends from the Williams-town and Brookfield line at Falls Hill. No definite names can be ascertained in connection with the collision but the cars that met were a Buick touring car headed south and a Ford touring car northbound with five occupants. The Buick was said to be bowling along at a moderate rate of speed when the Ford shot over the pitch of the hill, running into the radiator of the Buick car, smashing one of the wheels and damaging the radiator of the Buick. The Ford was badly scratched and the wheels were somewhat damaged but the occupants were able to proceed on their way, while the Buick was hauled to a nearby farm.

BAROMETER STATE ACTS

Democrats Claim Scant Plurality in Maine Would Satisfy Them

NATIONAL ISSUES
IN CAMPAIGN

Hundreds of Speakers Tried to Break Democratic Hold

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—The voters of Maine to the number of 140,000 or more went to the polls to-day to elect a governor, two United States senators, four representatives in Congress, the state legislature and a state auditor. National issues had been brought to the fore and party leaders brought hundreds of speakers into the state, including former Justice Charles E. Hughes, former Vice-Pres. Fairbanks and members of the Wilson cabinet to persuade the voters to line up against the national executive and the majority in Congress.

Maine, however, is normally Republican, and the Democratic leaders insisted that something more than a scant Republican victory would be required to constitute a Republican administration, while a Democratic plurality, however small, would be accepted by them as an endorsement.

FORMER BARRE RESIDENT.

William L. Stafford Died at Daughter's Home in Whittier, Cal.

W. L. Stafford, once a well known resident of Barre, died at Whittier, Cal., Sept. 4, and funeral services were held in that place with burial in the family lot in Mount Olive cemetery in Whittier. Rev. Franklin U. Bugbee conducting the burial service.

"The passing of Mr. Stafford," says a Whittier newspaper, "was as peaceful as the late years of his life, for it was evidently without a struggle, he simply went to sleep, and when Mrs. Stafford endeavored to arouse him she found that the angel of death had preceded her and had called him to an eternal day."

A large number of the older residents of Barre remember Mr. Stafford and his family, as they lived here many years just before their departure for California to reside. They resided on Cottage street and Mr. Stafford was identified with the granite industry, being a member of the firm of J. H. Batchelder & Co., having married on Main hill. Later he was in the mercantile business in Barre, having a shoe store at the corner of North Main street and Depot square. Mr. Stafford was an enthusiastic horse lover and is recalled by many people for his interest in that line.

William Lloyd Garrison Stafford was born in Haverhill, N. H., the son of John S. and Eliza (Carr) Stafford, April 15, 1842. He enlisted at the beginning of the Civil war with the 13th Illinois cavalry, his parents having removed to Illinois shortly before the outbreak of the war. After serving out that enlistment he re-enlisted in the 17th Illinois cavalry and remained in the service to the end of the war, being commissioned a lieutenant.

For a few years after the war he was located in California, but in 1876 he returned east and took up his residence in St. Johnsbury, becoming interested in the fork and hoe industry. He came to Barre in 1880. While in Barre he was a member of Vincennes lodge, Knights of Pythias. The family left Barre in 1895 for California, the parents being located at Whittier most of the time since then. For a number of years he conducted the Hotel Whittier, but of late had not been actively engaged in business.

He is survived by his wife, who was Jennie L. Miller of St. Charles, Ill.; and five children, namely: Mrs. Helen M. Smith, wife of William A. Smith of Whittier and with whom Mr. and Mrs. Stafford made their home in recent years; Mrs. Isabelle Dunlap of Fullerton, Cal.; Mrs. Adelaide Fisk of Corcoran, Cal.; Paul Stafford, now on the editorial staff of the San Francisco Bulletin, and Philip Stafford of Sacramento, Cal.

JUDGE HOWE GIVES DINNER.

Entertains the Caledonia County Bar Association.

Bretton Woods, N. H., Sept. 11.—Members of the Caledonia County Bar association of Vermont were the guests of Judge Harland B. Howe of St. Johnsbury at a dinner in the Mount Washington banquet room Saturday evening. Among the 34 guests attending were Judge Henry C. Ide, ambassador to Spain under Pres. Taft; Judge Leighton P. Slack, Robert W. Simonds, Elisha May, Walter P. Smith, Harry Hodge, A. F. Nichols, Alexander Dunnett, Davis E. Porter, Judge George C. Frye, Judge William Taylor, Rufus Seales, Guy W. Hill, Joseph Fairbanks, Harvey Witters, Arthur Graves, Nathan A. Norton, Walter Dutton, Melvin G. Morse, Bernard Melchior, Oliver Cameron, Hutton Longmore, Charles Shields, Walter Wesley and William McReynolds. A few of the diners spent Sunday here with friends.

HEARS SISTER IS WORSE.

Pres. Wilson Made Plans to Go to New London at Once.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 11.—President Wilson received word late last night that the condition of his sister, Anne Howe, who is critically ill at New London, Conn., has taken a turn for the worse. The president immediately cancelled all engagements for to-day and announced he would start for New London early in the morning. He planned to move to New York and go from there by rail to New London, leaving New York probably on the 1 p. m. train.

STATE FAIR OPENS EARLY ON TUESDAY

Everything Is In Place and No Department is Lagging—There Are Two Trotting Events for the Opening Day.

White River Junction, Sept. 11.—The tenth annual exhibition of the Vermont state fair will open here to-morrow. Everything is in place for the opening day. No department is lagging. With the rising of the sun on the morning the gates will be thrown open to the public with a first-class exhibition awaiting the crowds of sightseeing, amusement seekers sure to come.

The State fair commission has been generous in its premiums and this has brought hosts of exhibitors in every department. Track events will be a strong feature of this year's event. More and faster horses have been entered in all events and the trotting loving public will find that their love for the trot will be amply satisfied.

President Estee of the State fair commission is giving his personal direction to things and with Secretary Davis is exerting every effort to make this event the crowning one.

The Vermont State fair has won an enviable reputation as a cattle show. It may be stated that the cattle exhibit to be seen this year is superior to any previous State fair, both as to numbers and quality of stock. The Morgan horse display will be up to former years, with many new exhibitors.

With good weather the attendance is expected to exceed that of any previous fair held here, and this despite the ruling of the state board of health that admissions must not be granted children under 15 years of age.

The two trotting events on the opening day will be a 2:17 trot and a 2:28 pace.

The judging of cattle and horses will begin to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

In the horse exhibit there are 225 entries of which 116 are Morgans, 18 are draught horses, 15 standard bred, 45 exhibition other than those of regular classes, 10 Welsh and 5 other ponies, 6 Percheron, 3 Suffolk Punch, and 7 Belgians. A big feature is over fifteen entries for the state cup on single drivers. The strings of E. A. Darling, A. F. Phillips, H. R. C. Watson, and the Evans farm with those of H. S. Wardner, are among the Morgan exhibit with many new ones. Mrs. Dunbar with her standard bred string, and W. R. Brown of Berlin, N. H., with an exhibit of saddle Arab horses, are features in the horse exhibit, as well as the magnificent Percheron stallion and mares, and Belgian stallions and mares with foals, belonging to the Balsam Stock farms of Dixville Notch, N. H.

The exhibit of sheep includes Hampshire Down, Southdowns, Cheviots, Merinos, Shropshires, Leicesters, Oxford Down, Cotswolds, Horned Dorsets and Ramboulets, the latter entry being from the farm of J. L. Norris, Jr., of Lyndonville, and the ones of that class shown. Other exhibitors of sheep are E. L. Compton, Co. Clarendon, Fillmore farms of Bennington, J. C. S. Hamilton, Bridport, M. Hannah, Brownsville, Jackson Brothers, Vergennes, Long Branch farm of Bowdoinham, Me., the latter having 61 head and showing seven different breeds. An event during the fair will be the sale of Southdowns at auction of the surplus stock on the government farm at Middlebury, Vt.

The swine exhibit comprises Poland Red, Berkshire, Chester White, Jersey Blue, Mule Foot breeds, and are shown by W. H. Aldrich, Billings farms, Brookfield farms, A. P. Dunsmore, A. G. Hoitt, C. A. Neal, Otis Hill farm, C. T. Pierce, G. H. Savage, Dr. H. C. Tinkham, Upway farms, S. D. Wright and F. W. Surham.

Over 500 head of cattle are shown of the different breeds, and this exhibit includes sixty head of oxen.

TOUR TO NORTHFIELD.

Board of Trade Will Make Run There Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The Barre Board of Trade are making final arrangements for their sixth and probably last get-together or better acquaintance tour of the season, with Northfield as the objective point. It will take place Wednesday evening, Sept. 20. All Board of Trade members will be invited to that of chief executive of the state. The first of the two contests on the state ticket is for the lieutenant governor nomination, Roger W. Hulburd of Hyde Park and John E. Weeks of Middlebury being opposed to each other. Walter F. Scott of Brandon has no opposition to renomination as state treasurer. Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction likewise is unopposed for secretary of state. For auditor of accounts there are two candidates, Thomas H. Cave, Jr. of Barre and Benjamin Gates of Montpelier; and between them there has been a merry little contest. Herbert G. Barber of Brattleboro will have the nomination for attorney general handed to him on a silver platter.

The importance of the senatorial contest has rather overshadowed the fact that Porter H. Dale's term in the national House is about to expire, but a third ballot headed by the voters will serve to remind them that the Brighton man is the Republican candidate to succeed himself, while G. Herbert Pape of Barre, Democrat, is opposing him.

There are three blank columns on the Washington county ticket, topped by the names Prohibition, Progressive and Socialist. The contests in the other columns are few. Four Republicans are trying for three senatorial nominations, their names being Frank C. Bancroft of Barre Town, Bertrand R. Demeritt of Duxbury, Henry E. Hill of Waterbury and F. E. Steele of Montpelier. There are three candidates for the two assistant judge nominations, Judges George H. Dale of Waterbury and Charles H. Dana of Woodbury being opposed by E. B. House of Berlin. Frank J. Martin of Barre is unopposed for judge of probate; likewise Fred E. Gleason of Montpelier for state's attorney and Frank H. Tracy of Montpelier for sheriff. There is no candidate for high bailiff.

In the Democratic column of the Washington county ticket appear the following nominations: Senators, Timothy E. Callahan of Montpelier, Arthur W. Hewitt of Plainfield, Charles C. Robinson of Waterbury, assistant judge, George A. Tibbels of Roxbury, George L. Pray of East Montpelier, an candidate for judge of probate; state's attorney,

H. A. PHELPS' STATEMENT.

Tells Voters of Barre He Would Appreciate Their Support.

I have issued no previous statement regarding my candidacy for representative from Barre City in the next Vermont state legislature. I would appreciate the support of every voter who can conscientiously cast his ballot for me; and, if nominated in the primary as the Republican candidate for representative from Barre City to-morrow, Tuesday, Sept. 12, and elected in November, I will use my best efforts that all legislation before the coming general assembly of the state of Vermont shall be for the greatest good to the largest number.

(Signed) Henry A. Phelps, adv.

FEW CONTESTS UP TO VOTERS

Fletcher-Page-Gates Campaign for Senator Is Most Important

PRIMARY PENS AT
ON TUESDAY

Pollinaces Will Close All
Through Vermont at
8 p. m.

After a campaign of almost unexampled bitterness on the part of two candidates for the Republican senatorial nomination and only scattered contests for other positions, Vermont voters will go to the polls to-morrow for the first real test of the primary system of nomination. From 12 o'clock noon until 8 o'clock p. m. they will be given an opportunity in each of the cities and towns to register their personal preferences for the men to be voted for at the regular state election on Nov. 7, next.

When they go to the polls they will have five separate ballots placed in their hands, on which will appear only the names of candidates in two parties, the Republican and the Democratic, none other having been filed. First there will be the "official primary election ballot" for United States senator, and the voter will find the names of Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish, Charles W. Gates, Franklin and Carroll S. Page, Hyde Park, under the designation of Republican, and Oscar C. Miller, Newport, the sole occupant of the Democratic column. The senatorial fight in the Republican party is the feature of the whole primary that is attracting the most attention. Ex-Gov. Fletcher has been waging a hard campaign for months, and some say for years, to secure a seat in the United States Senate and during the past few months he has concentrated his political guns on the position held by Senator Page, who seeks to succeed himself. Senator Page accepted the Fletcher challenge and entered the contest with the vigor of a much younger man. The result has been a heavy battle of printer's ink largely, but with the resort to personal correspondence and the personal interview not overlooked.

In the meantime Gov. Gates entered the contest, and his is the third name in the list before the voters to-morrow. Gov. Gates has paid little direct attention to the fight, preferring to keep himself busy with the duties of his office as chief executive of the state. He probably has spent little or nothing in furtherance of his campaign, while, on the other hand, Fletcher and Page have expended thousands of dollars apiece. Sworn statements of their expenses published some time ago showed that each had spent more than \$5,000 up to that time.

The second ballot and containing the only two other contests of general interest is the state ticket. The Democratic slate is uncontested, the list of candidates being as follows: For governor, William B. Mayo of Northfield; for lieutenant governor, Henry C. Brislin of Rutland; for treasurer, Orlo E. Luce of Stowe; for secretary of state, Thomas B. Wright of Burlington; for auditor of accounts, Jeremiah C. Durick of Fair Haven; for attorney general, Frederick L. Webster of Swanton.

The unique position held by those six Democrats is also shared by Horace F. Graham of Craftsbury on the Republican side. Mr. Graham's name being the only one filed for governor; so, barring the untoward, Mr. Graham will eventually step from the office of the state auditor to that of chief executive of the state. The first of the two contests on the state ticket is for the lieutenant governor nomination, Roger W. Hulburd of Hyde Park and John E. Weeks of Middlebury being opposed to each other. Walter F. Scott of Brandon has no opposition to renomination as state treasurer. Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction likewise is unopposed for secretary of state. For auditor of accounts there are two candidates, Thomas H. Cave, Jr. of Barre and Benjamin Gates of Montpelier; and between them there has been a merry little contest. Herbert G. Barber of Brattleboro will have the nomination for attorney general handed to him on a silver platter.

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